

ENORMOUS.

Most Tremendous Express Robbery in the History

Of the United States Takes Place in New York.

James Gordon Bennett's Paper Publishes the Story,

American Express Company Robbed of \$1,000,000.

HAD BEEN GIVEN IT

For Transportation to Western Cities.

Money Was in Bags in an Express Car.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Evening Telegram prints a report, which has not been verified, that the American Express company was robbed last night of \$1,000,000, which had been given it for transportation.

The money was said to have been taken from one of the cars in its through western express while the train was being made up in the yards at Forty-eighth street.

The officers of the company refuse to talk regarding the robbery. The money was said to have been in bags ready to place in safes. The western express leaves the Grand Central yards at 5:15. It goes through to Chicago, dropping off cars at intermediate cities.

Large sums of money are frequently sent west on this train.

According to the report received by the Evening Telegram the clerks found the money bags rifled when they reached their car. The robbers had evidently been watching the methods of hauling money shipped on this train for some time.

At the office of the president of the American Express company, an official statement was made that no robbery of any kind had been heard of. The president, however, refused to deny the truth of the story, and stated that he had not been advised of any such occurrence.

The story as printed by the Evening Telegram was denied at the Grand Central depot and at all accessible sources of information. It was learned, however, that a detective agency reported that Clark Braden, Jr., a night clerk employed at the branch office of the American Express company here, had stolen five \$100 bonds from Consumers Gas company of Chicago. The bankers and brokers were notified not to accept these bonds, and it was learned that those presenting them, whether Braden took more than this amount is not known.

ATTACK ON SCHURZ.

Congressman Grosvenor Bitterly Denounces the Great Civil Service Reformer.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The house today promptly resumed the debate on the civil service question and Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio took the floor with an elaborate speech in opposition to the law. In opening Mr. Grosvenor disclaimed any leadership of the anti-civil service reform forces and any purpose to speak for any officer of the government, executive, legislative or judicial.

"All efforts to entangle me in a collision with the president," said he, "wastes just so much powder. If I believed that my relations to the executive would be changed or modified because I differ with him in any representative capacity, I would despise myself as he would despise me if I faltered in my convictions."

Mr. Grosvenor said he had watched with admiration the president's public career, and one of his most prominent characteristics had always been that he not only did not demand subservience, but desired a man who sought favor by sycophancy.

Mr. Grosvenor proceeded to pay his respects to the National Civil Service Reform league and to Carl Schurz, its president. His exhortation of the latter was the most scathing that has been heard on the floor of the house in many years.

He denounced unsparringly those who sought to read out of the Republican party those who believed in the repeal of the civil service law. With vitriolic language he sketched the political career of Mr. Schurz, which he characterized as "checked, spotted, leprous career of one who betrayed every party and every duty to which he was bound and whose betrayals had been his only stock in trade in the arena of politics."

He traced Mr. Schurz's political history and defied anyone to point out a point in the trail which was not tainted with political corruption. Yet, he said, this was the man who, with other "foul political demagogues, at Cincinnati, under the name of the National Civil Service league, had denounced him and those who thought with him on this question. He read the resolutions adopted at the Cincinnati meeting, branding them as infamous beyond description.

DIDN'T GET HOME.

English Delegate to Federation Congress Dies on Return Voyage.

London, Jan. 6.—Edward Harford, one of the delegates from the British Trade Union Congress to the American Federation of Labor Congress held recently at Nashville, Tenn., died yesterday of pneumonia while returning on the American liner St. Paul, which arrived at Southampton today.

H. G. Larimer will lecture before the Unity club tomorrow evening on "Shelley, the Poet's Poet."

SHE MADE A WARM TALK.

President of the Farmers' Alliance Reviews the Careers of Her Predecessors.

The president of the Kansas Farmers' Alliance, Mrs. Emma Trowder of Osage City, started the few delegates who came to Topeka to attend the annual meeting of the organization at the opening session by making an attack on her predecessors in office.

After intimating that the presidents of the organization had been members of the "rings" only, she said in reviewing their record:

"The Alliance reached its zenith in 1890, both in point of membership and popularity. The first president, Ben Clover, graduated from the Alliance into congress and it is said the Republican party afterward fished him out of the Klam and put him into a federal job. He was succeeded by Frank McGrath, who spent the funds of the order with unparalleled extravagance and who tried to use the Alliance to get political power.

Then came W. H. Biddle, who served the country his salary likewise and passed from the Alliance into the state treasurer's office. W. H. Hanna tried to use the order to further his political aspirations. He was followed by John F. Wilkita, at the end of whose term the order was barely alive. It is a question now of existence but all those who desired to use the Alliance to feather their nests are out; it is separate from politics and its work purely to better the farmers' condition educationally and socially."

HIS THRONE TOTTERS.

King of Belgium Threatened by Mobs.

Paris, Jan. 6.—From reliable news which reaches here from Brussels there is every reason to believe that Belgium is on the verge of a revolution, threatening the existence of the dynasty, and which may be said to owe its origin to the persistent effort of the king to render military conscription more rigorous and obligatory service in the army universal.

Anti-militarist demonstrations are the order of the day in all parts of the kingdom, and at Brussels, at Liege, at Antwerp, Namur and other great centers of industry, processions and parades of workmen and working women are constantly taking place, protesting against the king's militarism, "down with the barracks," "no more lotteries in human flesh," and "down with the German colonel," the latter against the king being inscribed on the banners and transparents carried by the participants in the demonstrations.

SCALPING BILL HEARING.

Brokers Get 95 Per Cent of the Tickets From the Companies.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The interstate commerce commission continued its hearing on the anti-scalping bill. Mr. McKenzie, president of the American Ticket Brokers' association, said he had received affidavits from a number of his members confirming his statement that the brokers secured 95 per cent of the tickets sold by them from the railroad companies.

When Mr. McKenzie was asked for names, Mr. McKenzie replied that to answer would be a breach of confidence. While he considered the question of scalping as a matter of public interest, he said he would not respond, but he did not want to break faith.

E. J. Thiel of the Illinois Commercial Men's association, opposed the bill as unjust, claiming that an owner of a railroad ticket should be allowed to dispose of it as he saw fit, and that he would the owner of any other commodity.

Senator Wolcott made the point that "no honest, honorable man would be caught traveling around on another's name on a non-transferable ticket."

Mr. Thiel said he had known of men who believed to be honest doing that thing. He said that what the companies except under sumo. In that case he would respond, but he did not want to break faith.

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THE SENATE.

Senate Votes \$100,000 for an Indian Show.

Washington, Jan. 6.—In the senate today Mr. Allen of Nebraska called up and the senate passed the bill providing for the holding of a congress of the representatives of different Indian tribes of the United States, in Omaha in 1898 and appropriating \$100,000 therefor.

Some minor amendments to the bill were made.

A bill appropriating \$175,000 for a public building at Fergus Falls, Minn., was passed.

The bill to protect the name and insignia of the Red Cross was passed.

Mr. Gray explained that Miss Clara Barton, universal secretary of the Red Cross, had been elected to the position of president of the Red Cross society by a majority of the civilized nations of the world, the sign of the Red Cross is known as an insignia of a capital corps or charitable organizations. Other nations had protected the insignia of the society and the United States ought to protect it.

APPEAL TO JUDGE BREWER.

Durrant's Attorney is at Work in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Attorney Boardman of California is here in the interest of Theodore Durrant, with the hope of securing from Justice Brewer of the supreme court a writ of habeas corpus, which would act as a stay of proceedings which will delay Durrant's execution. He saw Justice Brewer for a few minutes today but without presenting the question, he made an engagement for a later hour.

TO COME AGAIN.

Populists and Democrats May Reach No Conclusion

What to Do Until the Free Silver Republicans

ALSO MEET WITH THEM

Only Two Factions of the Triune Party Here.

Democrats Demand That Resubmission Go in Platform.

The indications are that the Populist conference now in session in this city will adjourn without having accomplished more than a general review of the state situation in Kansas and an agreement concerning plans for the coming campaign.

The actual distribution of favors among the various elements of the allied forces is likely to be placed in the control of the state committee which has been instructed to call a conference of free silver Republicans, Democrats and Populists for the latter part of this month or early in February.

At that time the details of the fusion deal will be agreed upon and the active work of the campaign really commenced.

This action was taken last night on motion of P. P. Elder of Ottawa, who declared that the speech-making, including the existing and other political haranguing which was going on was a bore. He suggested that something be done and made a motion for the general conference. This was carried, and the speech-making was postponed until adjournment, nothing further being accomplished.

Mr. Elder's office as chairman of the committee at the state house was too small for the meeting and it was adjourned to the National. The members of the party came in such unexpected numbers that another hall was necessary and the hall over Weber's grocery store near Fifth and Kansas avenue was secured for the meeting last night and today.

The conference is being conducted in the manner of an alliance meeting. A sentinel guards the door and announces the name and address of the applicant for admission, and if he is known, "Admit the gentleman."

If in doubt, an investigation is made. The conference resumed business here this morning.

J. Mack Love, chairman of the Democratic state committee, and J. G. Johnson, the national committeeman for Kansas, were present. The conference last night decided to ask the Populists to give them two places on the state ticket and put resubmission in the platform, in exchange for which the Democrats will run.

The sentiments expressed at the meeting indicate that the Populists are not so much as they were pulling out from the relay depot and took a seat at the back of the smoking car. After the train had passed the viaduct, the men were going at considerable speed, the men were looking back at the Populists, looking man who sat about the middle of the car. They asked him to change a bill, and when he drew a roll of money, he was told to change it for purpose, one of the robbers grabbed it.

In the fight that followed between the robbers and passengers, one of the robbers was killed. The other was hurled to the ground. The conductor was informed of the robbery but did not stop the train. The robbers were identified by memoranda found in his pocket as supposed to have been a member of a party man for some theatrical company.

The Democratic proposition has not been voted on in the conference, because it has not been presented. Mr. Mack Love will appear before the conference this afternoon and outline the wishes of his followers.

Mr. Johnson left town this morning, planning the negotiations in the hands of Mr. Love.

DON'T WANT RESUBMISSION. An canvasser of the Populists attending the conference, during the adjournment for dinner, indicates that the Democratic plan for resubmission will be turned down by a vote of about 55 to 25 if presented today.

ALL COMING BACK JAN. 11.

Populist Conference Decides It Doesn't Want Legislature Called.

The Populist conference today decided to call a joint meeting of the leaders of the free silver Republicans, Democrats and Populists, in Topeka, January 11, the day fixed for the meeting of the free silver Republican executive committee.

A sub-committee was provided for, but not appointed today, to arrange the call for the conference of the three elements.

The conference adopted the following resolution, which was submitted by Mr. Johnson and passed by an overwhelming vote in favor of the resolution:

Resolved, By the Peoples' conference, assembled at Topeka, January 6, 1898, that we are not aware of any public necessity or emergency for calling the legislature together in extra session in the near future, and that we deem it unwise for the executive to issue a proclamation to that effect; and, that we earnestly recommend to the board of trustees of the state to issue a schedule of rates for freight to be paid on transportation, and that they test their power in the courts of the state.

At the close of the conference, the principal part of the forenoon there was considerable discussion of the subject, but the sentiment was over-ruled, nearly every person favoring it.

There was little opposition against the anti-special session resolution. F. J. Closs and Representative Guntz championed the cause of the special session, but ex-Gov. Elder was in the pink of condition and won out by a large majority. It is said the resolution was carried with ten to one in its favor. The conference this afternoon is at work selecting a committee to treat

with the Democrats and free silver forces.

POPULISTS IN ATTENDANCE.

Names of Those Here During State Central Committee Meeting.

The local Populists and the state house employees and officers are taking much interest in the conference of the Populist managers today. There was a large attendance at the meeting last night and today. Those from out of town are as follows:

H. Cooper, Waverly.
A. A. Newman, Clay Center.
J. T. Scott, Osage City.
J. W. Doan, Wray.
W. D. Campbell, Lyndon.
A. Harrold, Manhattan.
B. M. Quigley, St. Marys.
E. Phillips, Emporia.
T. J. McCurry, Lincoln county.
Frank Hingsworth, Wichita.
John Mallison, Smith Center.
J. A. Wright, Lebanon.
H. F. Harbaugh, Concordia.
H. R. Honey and R. D. Rose, Manhattan.

O. O. Outcalt, Burlington.
E. D. Wheeler, Wakeeney.
H. P. Clay and H. A. Strong, Mound City.
A. F. Hamm, C. H. Linley, and E. S. Woodward, Atchison.
B. B. Eastwood, Kansas City.
C. S. Kins, Oswego.
John T. Little, Olathe.
S. C. Brown, Chanute.
E. Westgate, Independence.
C. E. Allison, Erie.
R. W. Holmes, Paola.
G. W. Coffin, Council Grove.
E. J. Brown, Kingman.
H. S. Landis, Lansing.
Carl Vrooman, Parsons.
W. J. Hurd, Holton.
J. M. Westgate, Garden City.
Chas. L. Brown, Arkansas City.
J. T. Arnold, Wichita.
Chas. E. Brown, Emporia.
W. H. Donaldson, Manhattan.
W. H. Hiles, Norton.
W. H. Ryan, Brazilton.
J. Callahan and F. H. Stanford, Independence.

J. M. Allen, Erie.
C. M. Bergfield, and J. C. Cranston, Leavenworth.
E. C. Gates, Fort Scott.
P. P. Elder, Ottawa.
J. W. Doan, Wray.
Fred Smith, Leavenworth.
P. F. Yearout, Emporia.
W. T. Quarles, Kansas City.
W. E. Shams, Olathe.
H. G. Jumper, Melvern.
H. S. Clarke, Lawrence.
Taylor Riddle, Atchison.
D. E. Ballard, Washington.
T. H. Grisham, Cottonwood Falls.
P. M. Dolan, Salina.
E. J. Brown, Lawrence.
E. P. Cephart and W. L. Panoast, Pratt.

ROBBERY IN A CAR.

One of the Robbers Found Dead by the Track.

St. Louis, Jan. 6.—Charles Dayton, who is supposed to have been killed at 115 East Second street, St. Louis, was found dead under a railroad trestle across Kahokia creek in East St. Louis, Ill., today. He is supposed to be one of the robbers who were thrown from an Illinois Central train last night after attempting to rob a passenger in the smoking car.

The men got on the train at East St. Louis, just as it was pulling out from the relay depot and took a seat at the back of the smoking car. After the train had passed the viaduct, the men were going at considerable speed, the men were looking back at the Populists, looking man who sat about the middle of the car. They asked him to change a bill, and when he drew a roll of money, he was told to change it for purpose, one of the robbers grabbed it.

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POLICY SHOPS TO CLOSE.

Parties Interested at Leavenworth Row Over the Division of the Swag.

Governor Leedy has issued an order to the effect that the policy shops in Leavenworth must close and has instructed J. C. Cranston, the city marshal, to carry it into execution.

This action on the part of the governor is due to a disturbance created by Mrs. Charles Sherman who owns a large amount of gambling paraphernalia, which was sent to the policy shop owners with the understanding that she was to have a percentage.

Mrs. Sherman did not create any disturbance until she discovered that the percentages which she was to receive \$50 was withheld each month. She made a demand for the money and the wheelmen refused to deliver up the profits.

Mrs. Sherman is a comely woman and is well educated. She spent an hour with the governor and declared that she was being robbed by the policemen and that she would not be treated in that manner.

The result was an order from the governor to close the policy shops.

Mrs. Sherman says of the affair: "I have been a victim of the policy shop men who started up policy shops in our name. Just think, they took \$50 out of the first profits every month to fix the police and to keep the gamblers and owns the house I live in. I went to the police commissioners first and one of them talked to me and tried to frighten me. He is no better than I. I tell you, I also told the governor that some of the politicians said: 'Leedy gets some of this money.'"

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. G. W. Stansfield, 522 Kansas avenue.

HANNA IS LOST.

He is Certainly Beaten as Matters Stand Today.

A Number of Women Join the Ranks Against Him.

THE SENATOR'S HOPE

Is That Popular Protests May Yet Save the Day.

Republican Press of Ohio United on His Side.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—The senatorial contest today changed somewhat. The anti-Hanna combine is on the defensive. As "the count of noses" stands now with the steering committee, Senator Hanna is beaten.

The opposition has a majority on joint ballot of 3 or 4 on the concessions of Republicans who are supporting Hanna. The opposition claims from 6 to 7 majority against Hanna and that they are secretly making accessions to their ranks. The opposition is kept busy defending its ranks as the Hanna workers are after the doubtful members here constantly and are starting hot fires for some of them at their homes. The Republicans in some of the counties are aroused to intense indignation towards Governor Bushnell, the dissenting Republican members and others. These demonstrations have disturbed some of the Republican members who are co-operating with the Democrats. The opposition workers will be required to keep up the closest vigil for another week or more to hold all their men in line. The pressure from the constant holding of the bolting Republican members is increasing every day and is likely to be overwhelming in its extent and intensity by next week.

The Republican papers of Ohio are full of accounts of the proceedings and resolutions of Republican clubs and other organizations denouncing Governor Bushnell and the Republican bolters. There are almost 250 Republican newspapers in Ohio, including both dailies and weeklies and one at Springfield, in which the governor is interested, is said to be the only Republican newspaper in the state that is not denouncing the Republican opponents to Hanna, as the Republican nominee for senator.

The language of some of the letters and telegrams to the governor and the bolting members is the most severe and discourteous that has ever been given expression to in public life. So far as his own and the efforts of his managers are concerned, Senator Hanna would be beaten if a ballot was taken today. The organization against Hanna is the most complete and most effective that has ever been known in Ohio but it has much yet to withstand from the popular revolution that is setting in and will sweep over the minds of the voters of the state next week. The inauguration will bring many here on Monday who will not be in the parade, but will repeat with their representatives the charges against Governor Bushnell from Springfield.

Since Mrs. Griffith induced her husband to change from Hanna to the opposition, she has been offered excellent positions in New York. Mr. Snyder, the wife of the member from Greene county, is now in sympathy with the opposition although her husband is pledged to Hanna. Mr. Snyder was in the Republican caucus Saturday night and voted for Bowtell Monday but Mrs. Snyder has indicated her intention to give the opposition workers audiences and the wives of several Democratic members are urging their husbands to give the opposition workers audiences.

The contest is so vigorously prosecuted that the voters of the state are at once with a view of getting solid with Dick Croker to secure his support in his presidential race.

HE IS A BAD ONE.

Actor Ratcliffe Appears to Have Another Living Wife.

New York, Jan. 6.—The argument on the application for a certificate of reasonable doubt of the legality of the actor's marriage to Mrs. Ratcliffe, who is again before Justice Dickson in the supreme court, Brooklyn, should the certificate be granted, Mrs. Ratcliffe would be released on bail pending an appeal to the high courts.

Assistant District Attorney Lloyd stated that the grand jury had agreed to indict Ratcliffe on the statement of Caroline Ravenhill of London that he married her in 1883 and deserted her on Sunday in September, 1885. Mrs. Ratcliffe testified on her own trial for beating Alice DeLacey Ratcliffe that the latter was his only wife.

District Attorney Gardner has called to London asking Caroline Ravenhill to come to New York and appear as a witness against Ratcliffe.

Howe and Hummel, attorneys for Ratcliffe's wife, received a cablegram today from their London representative stating that he mailed to them an official copy of the marriage certificate of Edward J. Ratcliffe to Caroline Ravenhill, a Irish monger's daughter, on August 19, 1883. Their representative also stated that several columns regarding Ratcliffe's antecedents were published today in the Morning Post. Hummel instructed their representative to send the woman to this country on the next steamer.

According to Howe and Hummel, their London representative obtained confirmation of the story of Ratcliffe's English marriage from the fathers of both parties to the 1883 marriage. They also declare that the father of the Ravenhill woman has a letter written by Ratcliffe to his daughter while the actor was in this country in which Ratcliffe is alleged to have asked after the health of his son.

THE DANCING TRAMP.

Was One of the Best Features of Gus Hill's Show.

The young man who made such a hit with a Kansas City audience at the board of trade benefit of the New Year's that he got his picture in the newspapers, released his "gags" sang his song and did some remarkable dancing before a Topeka audience last night.

He was Dave J. Halpin, alias Hunt N. Grub, the dancing tramp of Gus Hill's Vaudeville company. He attracted such favorable attention at the board of trade benefit, that Hill's manager secured him. His specialty was one of the best of the program.

Halpin's make up as a tramp is great and his "gags" are good. His dancing is very satisfactory to the audience. The instrumental specialty of Wals and Ardelle was unique and funny, and served to put the audience on good terms with the company.

CONSPIRACY.

At Stock Yards at Kansas City—Thousands of Dollars Stolen.

Kansas City, Jan. 6.—The detective department of the Missouri Pacific railway has unearthed a conspiracy at the Kansas City stock yards by which it has, it is alleged, been robbed of thousands of dollars on live stock shipments. False affidavits of short-weights in the number of live stock received have been made to the claim department of the Missouri Pacific and shippers have it is said been paid for the number of head of stock reported to be missing.

The robbery has been going on systematically for years, and nearly every railroad entering Kansas City is involved. The conspiracy is said to be a part of a larger scheme to defraud the Missouri Pacific of thousands of dollars. The Missouri Pacific is said to be a victim of the conspiracy. The Missouri Pacific is said to be a victim of the conspiracy. The Missouri Pacific is said to be a victim of the conspiracy.

AN HEIR FOUND.

Another Claimant to the De Boissiere Estate

Is Said to Have Been Discovered Near Lawrence.

A GIRL 19 YEARS OLD.

It is Claimed That She is a Daughter

Of the Frenchman Who Endowed the Odd Fellows' Home.

The famous De Boissiere law suit for the possession of 3,100 acres of rich land worth \$200,000, has taken a new turn. It is claimed that an heir of the eccentric French bachelor has been found in the vicinity of Lawrence in the person of a young lady 19 years old who is the child of Ernest Valetton DeBoissiere and a French servant employed in his household near Williamburg.

Troutman & Stone of Topeka commenced proceedings in behalf of Madame Martenell who lives in France and is a sister of the dead millionaire to set aside the conveyance of the property to the trustees of the I. O. O. F. home.

The amount paid for fraudulent shortage claims during the last five years will run up into the thousands of dollars.

W. W. Kay, chief of the secret service of the Missouri Pacific, who has been working on the case for several days, refused to talk further than to say that his road has been victimized out of many thousands of dollars and he expects to make several arrests within 24 hours.

The robbery is laid at the door of the local yard employees and the shippers themselves.

HOGG FOR BOB TAYLOR.

Ex-Governor Hogg Denies the Story of a Vice Presidential Deal With Bryan.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 6.—Since W. J. Bryan's visit to this city, stories have been in circulation that he and ex-Gov. J. S. Hogg of this city arranged for the latter to run as vice president with Bryan in 1900 and further that Governor Hogg intended moving to New York at once with a view of getting solid with Dick Croker to secure his support in his presidential race.

Today ex-Gov. Hogg authorized the statement that there was no truth in any of these statements. He said that while he had been offered excellent positions in New York, he would not now nor in the future accept any, as he was too well pleased with Texas;